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SBA Announces Annual Award Winners

Pie Nana, Inc. d/b/a Irish Setter Pub Owner Named SBA's Women in Business Champion of the Year

Augusta, Maine – Deborah Gustin of Pie Nana Inc. d/b/a Irish Setter Pub has been selected to receive the U.S. Small Business Administration's 2015 Women in Business Champion Award for Maine.

"While much attention is given to start-ups and high-growth industries, it is often businesses such as Deborah's that help form a community's identity" said Marilyn Geroux, SBA District Director for Maine. "The growth that she has brought to the business demonstrates what can be achieved with vision and commitment." added Geroux.

Pie Nana, Inc. d/b/a Irish Setter Pub is located in Presque Isle. The company was started in 2006 before being purchased by Ms. Gustin in February of 2008. Since taking over ownership, Ms. Gustin has expanded the restaurant's offerings, adding more Maine-produced ingredients and beverages, as well as adding outdoor dining in the summer. Today, Ms. Gustin credits her continued success to great customer service by listening to her customers' suggestions.

"Although Deborah assumed ownership during a very difficult economic climate, the business has thrived year after year under her ownership," stated Craig Staples, Vice President and Commercial Services Officer for Katahdin Trust Company, who nominated Ms. Gustin for this award. "Katahdin Trust is honored and pleased that Deborah Gustin has received the honor as the 2015 Women in Business Champion Award," Mr. Staples continued.

Ms. Gustin will be honored at an SBA reception on May 5, 2015 at the Augusta Country Club in Manchester.

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